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Silent Key James Lappin EI2JY

This week, we received the sad news that James Lappin EI2JY passed away on August 29th, 2023, in Co. Armagh. We extend our sincerest condolences to his family and wide circle of friends and colleagues. May James rest in peace.

News from the IRTS

It is the intention of the IRTS to create an online call book like the paper ones that were issued a few years back but since ceased. The idea of the initial online call book is to help create an opening for a paper call book to be brought back over the coming years. Members will have the choice of what details they want to include for public viewing. Hopefully it will encourage Comreg to release more information about those licensed in Ireland thus in turn lead to a paper call book once again being issued. Members will have a chance to register to have their details included by filling up a short form online or with Pat EI2HX at the IRTS stand at all future rallies.

The whole structure of IRTS club affiliation is to be overhauled over the next 12 months. This will include a club completing its application for IRTS affiliation by November 1st each year. This is to fall in line with insurance renewal for the coming year. An updated yearly form will have to be submitted and all clubs that wish to be affiliated must include up to date club information including a contact person, contact number and a valid email address. This new rollout will take a while to fall into place and all clubs' assistance will be very much appreciated by the society. All affiliated clubs are encouraged to have a club rep attend IRTS committee meetings.

The 2024 IRTS VHF/UHF Field Day takes place over the weekend of Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th of July, from 1400 UTC Saturday until 1400 UTC Sunday. For the past few years, it was arranged to run as five separate contests - one on each band 6m, 4m, 2m, 70cm, and 23cm. There is an open or restricted option for each band and stations may enter one or more bands or all five bands. Also, entries on different bands from a station may be mixed between the open and restricted sections. For more details and a full list of rules please see www.irts.ie/rules

The IRTS is currently looking for a person or perhaps a team of people to form a VHF/UHF management team. This team will look after all things VHF/UHF. Ideally people who do a lot of VHF/UHF radio work and know what's happening around the world in VHF/UHF would be ideal but not necessary. Anyone interested is asked to please contact IRTS

Secretary, Owen EI4GGB at irts_secretary /at/ irts.ie.

Once again, this year in August, the Irish ham radio diaspora in Wisconsin, USA will be celebrating IrishFest. IrishFest promotes and celebrates all aspects of Irish, Irish American, and Celtic cultures. The Milwaukee Irish Fest is seeking clubs in Ireland that might be interested in linking up during the event in August. All clubs in Ireland are encouraged to join in and help our American colleagues celebrate this great yearly event. For more information you are asked to get in contact with the IRTS secretary, Owen EI4GGB.

A massive congratulations from the IRTS to all those candidates who got good news from Comreg on Friday morning after sitting the HAREC exam on Saturday May 11th. We look forward to hearing all of you soon. All new licensees are asked to send their updated details to the IRTS Membership Officer David EI3IXB so he can update the IRTS database. David's email address is memrecords /at/ irts.ie.

For anyone who sat the exam and unfortunately didn't receive good news this time around, don't let this little blip on the radar put you off. Dust yourselves off, re-focus, get back on the horse and try again. It's a great hobby and well worth continuing your studies until you achieve your goal. You all know the expression Rome wasn't built in a day!

The next IRTS Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, July 12th at 8:00 p.m. on the Zoom platform. All IRTS affiliated clubs are reminded that under Rule 16.1, the members in each affiliated club, society or other body may elect a representative and an alternate annually to attend IRTS Committee meetings. Clubs wishing to send a representative should notify the IRTS Secretary, Owen EI4GGB at irts_secretary /at/ irts.ie in advance to ensure notification and links are provided.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be QRV as EI2WRC/P from the Old Copper Mine, Tankardstown, Bunmahon, Co. Waterford on Saturday, June 1st. Although there is no official European Geopark Activation taking place this year the club are pleased to announce that the location can be activated in the following categories, Echo India Flora and Fauna as EIFF-0263 (Mid Waterford Coast SPA). It also has a two for one on Parks on the air (POTA) which are EI-0162 (Mid Waterford Coast SPA) and EI-0163 (Tankardstown Copper Mine).

The old copper mine building comes in as part of the COTA-EI and has been assigned the COTA-EI designator EI-01566. The club looks forward to hearing you all on the bands. For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see www.searg.ie

South Dublin Radio Club AGM

South Dublin Radio Club's AGM will take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 21st of May 2024 at Ballyroan community centre on the Marian Road in Rathfarnham. All members are asked to attend.

Collective Communication Active for RNLI SOS Week

Next Sunday, 26th May, Collective Communication will be active for the "RNLI 200 SOS" week, this year celebrating 200 years of the RNLI. Last year EI3CC activities raised nearly €300 for the RNLI and they are hoping to improve on that this year. They will be on the promenade at Tramore Co. Waterford promoting amateur radio while inviting members of the public to donate to the RNLI. Collective Communication is the only registered Irish club participating in the event this year.

They would love to see you and if you haven't got a license yet, you can still make QSOs using their mobile shack with one of their licensed members helping you. EI3CC will be active on the HF bands using their Icom 7300 rig and end fed antenna. Anyone spending the day at this seaside town will be able to spot them on the sea front by virtue of their EI3CC flags and a big RNLI flag.

If you would like to know more about this event or their club, call their club secretary John EI3HQB on 086 870 9265.

Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club

On May 10th, Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club was delighted to welcome Wolfgang Mahr, OE1MHZ, Chair of the International Radio Union EMC Committee, to the club station, callsign EI4SAM, at the Shannon Aviation Museum for what proved to be a very interesting visit for those present. Thanks to Liam Mangan, EI4GB, IRTS EMC manager for facilitating the visit by Wolfgang and his wife.

For the 145 Alive activity on May 11th, the club station was operational on 145.450 MHz and enjoyed some good contacts in favourable conditions. This is a great event to promote greater activity on two metres and the club would like to convey their thanks to David Gardiner EI3IXB for all the time and effort he put into organising it.

The club extends heartiest congratulations to all the successful candidates in the recent HAREC exam and look forward to hearing them on air in the coming weeks.

Galway Radio Experimenters Club's Museum Evening

On Wednesday 22nd of May at 7:30 p.m., Galway Radio Experimenters Club will have an evening at the museum, that is the "Computer and Communications Museum of Ireland in Dangan", Galway City, Eircode H91 AEX4.

GREC would like to offer an open invitation to any licenced amateurs or radio enthusiasts

who wish to join them for this social evening and private tour and of the historic collection of computers and communication equipment. The club would like to extend its thanks to Mr. Frank McCurry for making the facility available after hours. More information can be obtained from EI3ER or EI2II.

EI0IRTS Northeast News Service Update

EI0IRTS Northeast news service will be transmitted via Echolink node EI2MOG 145.2125MHz using 88.5Hz CTCSS commencing 22nd May 2024 at 8 p.m. until further notice. They are looking for to hearing you all this Wednesday. SWL reports can be submitted via text to Damien EI7LF at +353 87-2295975. Further information on EI2MOG can be found at ei7dar.com/ei2mog.

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to [newsteam /at/ irts.ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie) for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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